

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dave Jayne
3. ROLL CALL OF MAC MEMBERS:
 - Gregory Ware - Present
 - Betty Gosney - Present
 - Jackie Cox - Present
 - Israel Fuentes - Present
 - Eric Scott, Alternate - Absent
4. DIGNITARIES ATTENDANCE:
 - Rafael Trujillo – Representative, Office of Senator Norma Torres
 - Gil Navarro – Director, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
 - Lynda Gonzales – Director, West Valley Water District
 - Jasmin Hall – Director, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
5. ACTION ITEMS:
 - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2014
 - Jackie Cox made a motion to appoint Gregory Ware Chair and Betty Gosney Vice-Chair for 2014. Israel Fuentes seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 votes in favor and no opposition.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - Minutes of the November 5, 2013 meeting were approved.
7. GOVERNMENT STAFF REPORTS:
 - CHP – Not in attendance
 - Sheriff's Department – Not in attendance
 - Special Districts – Not in attendance
 - County Fire Department – Dan Filter, the new Battalion Chief introduced himself to the MAC and reported on service calls for the month of December.
 - Supervisor Gonzales' Office – Dan Flores spoke about various projects in Bloomington and the upcoming affordable senior housing development and library project that will break ground later this year.
8. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: **Update on Medians**
 - Dan Flores, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Gonzales updated the MAC on the medians. Dan went over the construction schedules and discussed the reasons for installing the medians along Valley Blvd. between Spruce Ave. and Locust Ave. and on Cedar Ave. from Slover Ave. to the countyline. Traffic records show a significant increase in the amount of accidents on Valley Blvd. and Cedar Ave. when compared to the countywide average and statewide averages.

Many residents in attendance, as well as MAC members, voiced their opposition to the medians citing an inconvenience, lack of left turn pockets, U-Turns allowed and that some streets no longer have an intersection.

9. DISCUSSION ITEM: **Topics of Discussion for 2014**

MAC discussed topics for 2014. Areas of interest include street lighting (Special Districts), Code Enforcement and road maintenance (Public Works). Laura Orozco, Field Representative for Supervisor Gonzales will take the items the members asked for and come up with some more topics for this calendar year.

10. COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Dave Jayne (San Bernardino Valley Riders) – Dave thanked the MAC and Supervisor Gonzales for the donations he received that went to help a few families in the community. Dave also spoke about a fundraiser that will go to their Western Days event for disabled children to ride horses. The fundraiser is a bus trip to stateline. The bus will leave Target on Slover Ave. on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 8 am.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Araiza (Bloomington REC Center) – Introduced herself and talked about what the REC Center is all about and invited everyone to their grand opening on February 1st between 1 and 3 pm.

Ken Elias (resident) – spoke about truck traffic and the loud music that occurs on the weekends.

Linda Gonzalez (Bloomington Woman's and Social Club) – Linda presented checks to the Bloomington Little League in the amount of \$50 from the Woman's and Social Club and \$200 from her.

Jasmin Hall (Inland Empire Utilities Agency) – Jasmin introduced herself and spoke about how the agency can help the community.

Gil Navarro (SB Valley Water District) – Gil introduced himself to the MAC and spoke about SB Valley Water District issues.

Rafael Trujillo (Representative, Sen. Torres' Office) – Rafael spoke about an upcoming event with Senator Torres where she will discuss state issues. The event will be on Thursday, March 13th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

12. MAC MEMBER COMMENT:

Israel Fuentes – voiced concerns regarding the medians.

Jackie Cox – spoke about increased graffiti and street vendors and garage sales are on the rise.

Betty Gosney – talked about the good changes that have happened in the community.

Greg Ware – apologized for missing the last meeting in November and provided his contact email: gware462@aol.com for anyone who wished to contact him regarding issues either good or bad.

13. ADJOURN MEETING:

Greg Ware adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING
February 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm